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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 903
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 97-37-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO CRIMINALIZE THE MANUFACTURE, POSSESSION AND USE OF
3 MACHINE GUN CONVERSION DEVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following section shall be codified as
6 Section 97-37-39, Mississippi Code of 1972:

7 97-37-39. (1) (a) Any person who manufactures, possesses,
8 or uses a machine gun conversion device and who is not otherwise
9 authorized by federal law to manufacture, possess or use a machine
10 gun conversion device shall be guilty of a felony.

11 (b) For purposes of this section, the following terms
12 shall have the meanings described herein:

13 (i) "Machine gun conversion" means a device that
14 is designed, made and intended to convert a semi-automatic firearm
15 into a machine gun. The term "machine gun conversion" does not
16 include any semi-automatic firearm or any device designed only to
17 aid the operator of a semi-automatic firearm to discharge the
18 firearm more accurately or to pull the trigger more quickly as



19 long as the operator must still function the trigger of the
20 firearm for each shot fired.

21 (ii) Machine gun means any weapon which shoots, is
22 designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot,
23 automatically more than one (1) shot without manual reloading, by
24 a single function of the trigger.

25 (2) Any person convicted of a first offense in violation of
26 this act shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be sentenced to
27 imprisonment for a term of not more than ten (10) years, fined not
28 more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

29 (3) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offense
30 shall be charged with a felony under this act and shall be
31 sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not more than fifteen (15)
32 years, fined not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00),
33 or both.

34 (4) This section shall be known as the "Jeremy Todd Malone
35 Law."

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2024.

